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KWAZULU-NATAL WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: SOUTH AFRICA

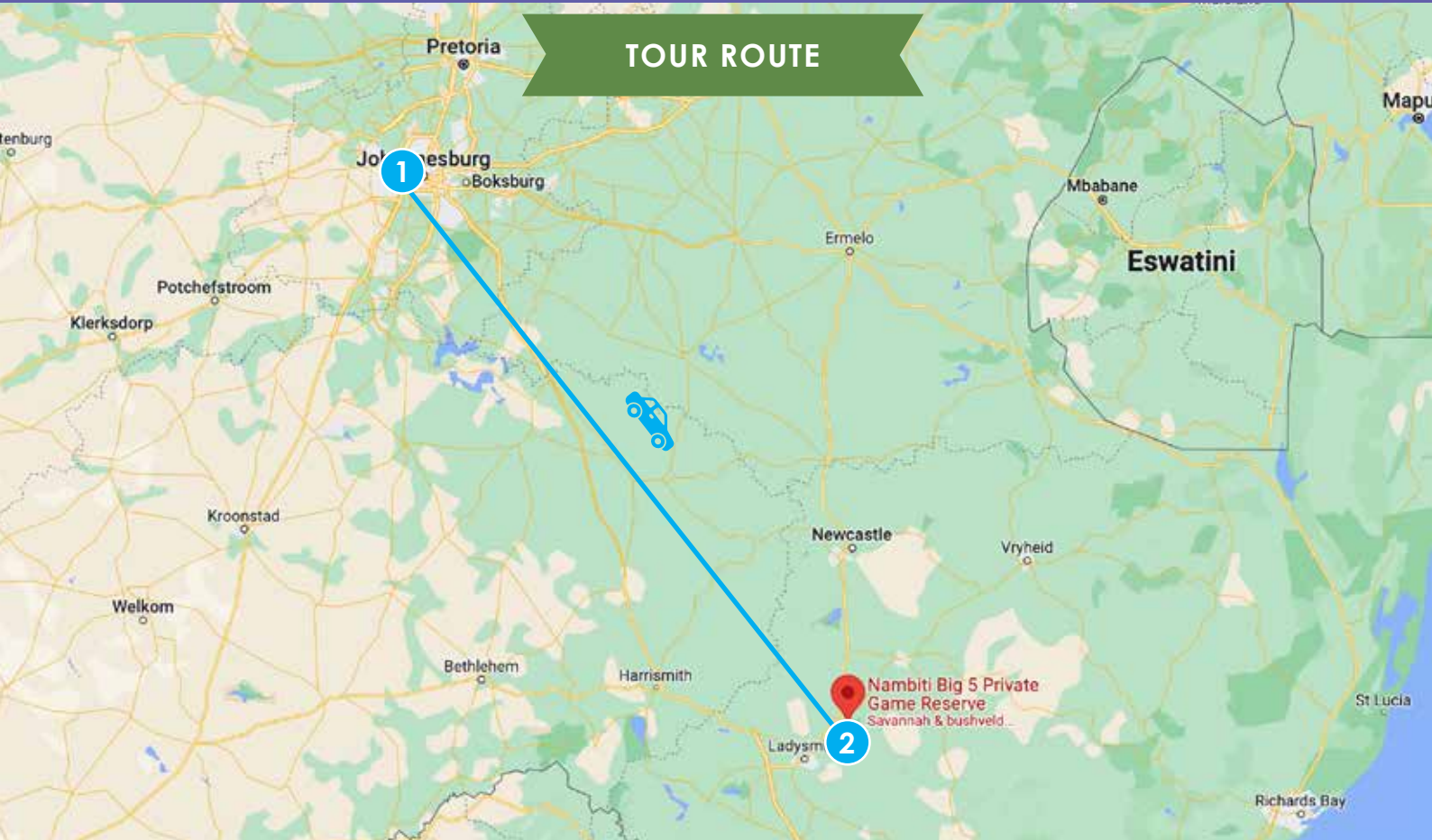
Join us for an adventure in the KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa, and immerse yourself in a Big-5 game reserve while giving back to conservation.



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Research



Wildlife



Community engagement



Sleep-outs



ACTIVITIES

Immerse yourself in a wilderness area where you observe wildlife, embark on research and conservation activities, and have the opportunity to engage and contribute to community projects.



RESEARCH

In collaboration with researchers, get involved in monitoring Africa's keynote species, including predators such as lions and cheetahs. Learn telemetry and gain insight into the importance of wildlife research.



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Learn what it takes to manage protected areas and contribute to the conservation activities that are needed at the time. This is your chance to make a positive contribution through tangible projects on the ground.



WILDLIFE

One's experience in a game reserve is enhanced by the knowledge that wild animals call this home. This provides you with the opportunity to observe them in their natural habitat. Home to Africa's big-5, you will be exposed to the beauty of these species, as well as hundreds of birds and other smaller animals.



SLEEP-OUTS

A highlight of any wilderness experience is the adventure of sleeping in the bush under the stars, and being exposed to the elements of nature. Whether it is hearing nocturnal sounds or losing yourself in the vastness of Africa's night sky, this is an experience you will never forget.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Embrace the opportunity to engage with the communities that live nearby this protected area. By fundraising and participating in local projects, this is an enriching experience and directly contributes to the lives of rural South African families.

WHY KWAZULU-NATAL IN SOUTH AFRICA



South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is the 25th-largest country in the world, and boasts a lengthy coastline stretching more than 1,500 miles (almost 3000km) along two oceans. South Africa is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, with a high rate of endemism and with unique and varied ecosystems. Almost 10% of South Africa's total land area is protected and managed for biodiversity conservation.

KwaZulu-Natal is one of nine provinces in South Africa, named after the Zulu people, the dominant ethnic group living in this region. With a wide array of landscapes, from mountains to sea, it is known for its rich biodiversity of fauna and flora, as well as its colorful Zulu culture.

This volunteer program is an immersive experience in Nambiti Game Reserve, where youth are actively involved in learning about and contributing to conservation activities and community-based projects.

Prior to 2000, this 23,000 acre reserve was a tapestry of cattle farms, overgrazed and covered in wire fencing. Since then, through a series of partnerships, nature has thrived and there are now over 40 wildlife species and an abundance of birdlife.

DAY TO DAY

DAY 1

Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you are transferred by road to the Nambiti Bushcamp.

Settle into your new surroundings with a warm welcome and introductory game drive.



DAY 2

Today's focus is on wildlife research and rhino monitoring. Learn how to use telemetry, how to identify individual animals through their ear notches, and how to capture the data so it supports the work of reserve managers.



Research activities will include the placement of camera traps, which are cameras that are secured to trees and are triggered by movement. Camera traps are placed in strategic locations and photos are downloaded and analysed to learn more about wildlife movements and behaviour.

DAY 3

Ensuring the long-term protection of a wilderness area requires ongoing projects that manage road repair, broken fences, address alien plant invasion and assist with the overall management of the reserve. This day is focused on supporting these projects and getting involved in activities that expose you to the behind-the-scenes work of a wildlife reserve.



After dinner, you embark on a night drive to identify nocturnal wildlife species that one normally does not see during the day.

DAY 4

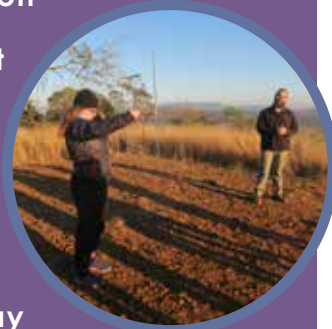
Be exposed to the important work of the Anti-Poaching Unit (APU) and assist by checking if there are holes in fences (where poachers enter) and collect wire snares that are used to hunt animals illegally.



In the afternoon, contribute to a predator research project that provides an opportunity to monitor and collect data on species such as lions and cheetahs. Observe these beautiful animals and learn why research and data collection are so important for their survival.

DAY 5

Today is a full day out on the reserve, working to help with management projects. These projects vary depending on the time of year and what needs to be done at any particular time. You will be treated to a well-deserved midday break for a picnic and swim in the river.



After dinner is an introduction to Zulu culture, the predominant culture of the rural people living in this area. Learn some Zulu phrases before embarking on your community-based project.



DAY TO DAY

DAY 6

Today is spent in a local village to participate in specific projects that are being supported at the time.

This could be building community gardens, assisting with tutoring, engaging in environmental awareness issues or working on livelihood projects.

A traditional Zulu lunch is prepared and the day ends with a much-anticipated soccer match with local children.



DAY 7



Continue with community-based projects for another full day in a local village, building relationships and working together on a common goal. Collaborate together, play together and eat together as you make a meaningful contribution and create lifelong memories.

DAY 8

A highlight of a wilderness experience is having the opportunity to hike through the bush, where wild animals roam. This is an opportunity to walk with experienced and qualified guides through the territory of the Big 5.

A picnic lunch is provided on a beautiful river where you can relax and enjoy a swim. The afternoon includes another game drive for collecting data and checking camera traps.



DAY 9



Work with the APU and explore a different area of the reserve to look for snares and/or repair fences. In the afternoon, you have lunch and time to relax.

Continue with the volunteer work to support the reserve, knowing that you are making an important and valuable contribution to conservation efforts.

Dinner and time around the fire is the perfect ending to this adventure, a moment to reflect and share the highlights of your experience.

DAY 10

Wake up to your last morning in the bush, taking in the final sights and sounds of your adventure. Pack up and depart for Johannesburg and your return journey home.



TERMS

INCLUDES

- 6 Nights stay at Nambiti Bushcamp in South Africa
- All food and activities
- Ground transfers
- Program certificate

EXCLUDES

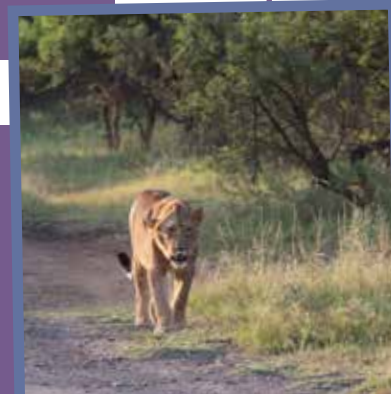
- All flights
- Visas if required & travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 3-day River Expedition: hike, sleep on the riverbank and paddle the Tugela River!
- Rhino De-horning Experience: fundraise and work alongside a wildlife vet to prevent rhino poaching

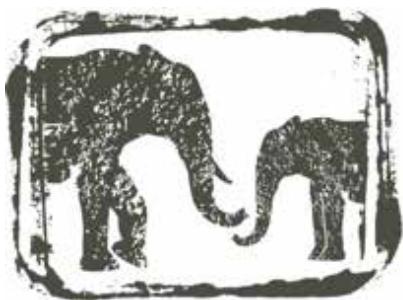
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*All itineraries can be adjusted/customised to suit your specific needs

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ABOUT US

SOUTHERN SKY ADVENTURES

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travelers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colorful as the local artwork.

Our tailor-made and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travelers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers.

Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities. Sit back, relax and allow our team of destination specialists to design and deliver your dream vacation!

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YOUTH 4 CONSERVATION

Youth 4 Conservation is a non-profit organization based in South Africa, committed to creating meaningful conservation experiences for youth while ensuring tangible impacts on the ground.

We began with a vision to connect young people, through their schools and youth groups, to immersive conservation experiences in Africa. This provides an opportunity for personal enrichment while also providing direct support to important conservation projects. This is what we call a 'win-win'!

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TESTIMONIALS

AN INSPIRING AND HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

"This experience was extraordinary, breathtaking, incredible! I had so much fun while learning deeply about the environment I was immersed in – the sunsets, game sightings, proactive conservation activities and laughs will forever hold a special place in my heart. I could not recommend the experience enough!"

- Volunteer



THIS EXPERIENCE IS A GENUINE LIFE CHANGER

"Wow, what an experience! My daughter thoroughly enjoyed this camp, she learned and grew so much in just ten days. The whole thing was so well organized that she felt safe and confident to head off on her first away-from-home experience. We will happily recommend it to other like-minded young people looking for a life-changing experience."

- Parent



NATURE IS THE BEST TEACHER

"This was a phenomenal adventure. The program has a great balance of hard work and fun activities and it was so great to see the students being stretched both physically and mentally. I would highly recommend this camp to anyone that is interested in being outdoors, making a difference and learning about the environment."

- Teacher